



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
June 5, 2013, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at
Fortune Garden Restaurant

An update on Project NOW in Rock Island

Community action agencies for nearly 50 years have been providing support and improvement for the poor and others who are too often forgotten in today's society. At the June 12 meeting, **Maureen "Mo" Hart**, executive director of Project NOW Inc., Community Action Agency, Rock Island, will provide an update on her agency and its impact on many of her city's residents.

Project NOW has been serving Rock Island, Henry and Mercer counties in Illinois since 1968, helping families with low incomes and seniors meet basic needs and improve their standard of living.

Project NOW, that is Neighborhood Outreach Work Inc., is one of more than 1000 community action agencies that serve nearly every county in America. They sprang from the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to provide such services as Head Start, senior services, utility assistance, housing programs and homeless services. With headquarters in Rock Island, Project NOW also has offices in Moline, Kewanee and Aledo

Last meeting:

Wednesday, June 5, 2013



Contestants Morgan Meinert, Amanda Manning, Isabella Blaine, Nicole Kelly and Hailey Huey

Miss Iowa, 2013 hopefuls visit

The 2013 Miss Iowa candidates filled the dining room of The Fountains with beautiful music during what has become a yearly tradition for BRC in early June. Miss Iowa 2012, **Mariah Cary** – who finished 4th runner-up to Miss America – acted as MC, introducing the candidates and those who sampled portions of the talent they will perform during the Miss Iowa Pageant Thursday-Saturday, June 6-8, at the Adler Theatre in Davenport.

During her remarks, Cary described the Miss America Pageant as “the leading scholarship program for young women in the world.” It promoted good self-esteem for contestants, she added, and gives them opportunities “to give back to their country.” One way they give back, she said is to “use the power of the crown” to support the Children’s Miracle Network



Miss Iowa 2012 Mariah Cary and Mark Ross, BRC President, chat before lunch

and each individual contestant's personal "platform," or cause.

Miss Iowa gave special thanks to the hostesses who accompany each contestant during personal appearances and provide



"absolutely fabulous" support for the girls during this week of competition.

During the "talent portion" of their visit with BRC, several of the 2013 contestants performed:

- **Hailey Huey**, above, Miss Kossuth-Winnebago, sang the Broadway song "Brave."
- **Ashley Herrington**, Miss Clinton, performed an interpretive dance to the show tune "Birds Flying High."
- **Nicole Kelly**, Miss Metro, sang "Defying Gravity," another song from the lyric theatre.
- **Abby Curtis**, Miss Scott County, sang – and yodelled – "Cowboy Sweetheart."
- **Jessica Erbst**, Miss Eastern Iowa, sang the show tune "A Change in Me."

The other Miss Iowa hopefuls – who dispersed throughout the dining room to have lunch with BRC members and guests – were:

- **Jessica Baker**, Miss Liberty
- **Kristina Bell**, Miss Great River
- **Isabella Blaine**, Miss Muscatine
- **Kaitlin Cole**, Miss Greater Des Moines
- **Delaney Howell**, Miss Louisa County Fair
- **Amanda Manning**, Miss Burlington
- **Morgan Meinert**, Miss Northeast Iowa
- **Taylor Wiebers**, Miss Johnson County



Nicole Kelly dined during lunch with Tomy Calabrese and Jim Spelhaug.

Announcements...

→ **John Deere Classic.** **Chris Glass** stood in for **Jeff Hassel** and reiterated that we still need more volunteer marshals for all days of the JDC to serve as marshals for BRC's Hole No. 1. Marshals may work any day – Wednesday, July 10-Sunday, July 14 – and get free admission for all of them. To volunteer, go to the BRC Web site or email Jeff – jhassel@daychc.com.

→ **LobsterFest:** Just days before Bettendorf Rotary Club's largest fundraiser, **Sharon Sarver** asked



Jessica Erbst and her hostess, Debbie Stelk – both of Bettendorf – paused during lunch

members to bring large coolers for beverages at the bar. **Frank Mitvalsky** needs volunteers about 2:30 p.m. on Saturday to help unload food from HyVee at Rivermont. **Chelsea Powers** reminded sponsors to get their banner to Rivermont (if you're reading this and haven't delivered, you're really, *really* late). **Penny McGimpsey** said 3 tables worth of tickets remain unsold.

Reminder: Any and all BRC members are most welcome for setup – Friday afternoon (June 7) plus 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.



The final roster of LobsterFest sponsors – thank them when you see them:

Presenting (\$5,000): THE National Bank (**John DeDoncker**)

Gold (\$2,500): Lujack Northpark Auto Plaza

Silver (\$1,000): Bowe Machine (**Simon Bowe**), Bush Construction (**Tom Bush**), Iowa-American Water Co. (**Richard “Ozzy” Oswald**), Professional Touch Cleaning Services (**Diane Ricketts-McCool**), RJS & Associates (**Dick Schillig**), Weerts Funeral Home (**Dave Deuth**), Werner Restoration Services (**Brent Werner**)

Bronze (\$500): Califf & Harper Attorneys at Law (**Frank Mitvalsky**), **George Coin**, Community Health Care (**Jeff Hassel**), Dimitri Wine & Spirits, Estes Construction (**Jeff “Boomer” Hill**), Gallagher Millage Gallagher (**Bob Gallagher Sr.**), Grace Engineered Products (**Tom Howard**), Holmes Murphy & Associates (**Chelsea Powers**),



Tom Kellenberger chats with Miss Iowa contestant Amanda Manning at lunch

Home Instead (**Steve Habenicht**), Humana Health Insurance, Knilans' Furniture & Interiors (**Amber Castro**), **Carter and Kaye LeBeau**, Lindquist Ford, Mel Foster Co. (**Brad Boeye**), Midwest Seafood, Steve's Mirror & Glass (**Jerry Felsing**), **Sharon and Brad Sarver**, **Paul and Emily Scranton**, Swiss Valley Farms, Wagner's Cleaners (**Ken Vandersnick**), Wells Fargo Advisors (**Rich James**)



Elizabeth Baer, Theron Schutte, Courtney Carr

BRC scholars from BHS...

Theron Schutte introduced the Bettendorf High School graduating seniors who have been selected to receive this year's Bettendorf Rotary Scholarships of \$1,000 each. They are **Elizabeth Baer** and **Courtney Carr**. With experiences helping with charities during her high school years, Courtney will enroll at Drake University with plans for a career in the health sciences. Elizabeth will build on her experiences in student government and sports to study communications and pre-law at the University of Iowa, in preparation to work in public relations for a philanthropic organization.

The meeting opened...

President Mark Ross began the meeting by leading the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Our own hostess, **Becky Hinton**, sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" (as we all wish we could). During Moments of Reflection, we learned of the death of founding member **Bill Harvey**. Although they were not introduced, these guests attended:

- Doris Miller with **Gene Miller**
- Kaleb Evans with **Dick Schillig**
- Sue Kraft with **Kevin Kraft**
- John W. Keenwe with **Chris Salm**



**Jon Ryan
Happy \$\$...
(Named to honor
the late Bettendorf
Rotarian, master
punster and Sven &
Oley jokester)**

President Mark collected \$102 for our foundations. Happy Bucks came from: **Becky Hinton** – "I'm happy you're all here!"... **Decker Ploehn** – announcing apologetically that 18th Street will be closed for repairs around Bettendorf High School... **Kevin Kraft** – "Decker makes me happy"... **Linda Miller** (just back from the spring legislative session, and still a trifle dazed) – introduced the Miss Iowa contestant and hostess and her table



Abby Curtis, Miss Scott County, sang "A Country Sweetheart"

In other BRC news...

Harry Coin has been working on making the minutes of past meetings accessible. Any and all are invited to

check out the results of his efforts and give him feedback.

Here's a link to a *pdf* that contains 6 months of minutes from past meetings: <http://www.quietfountain.com/Bettendorf%20Rotary%20Club%201971-01-06.pdf>



Ashley Herrington, Miss Clinton County, danced to "Birds Flying High"

Missing...

K. Adams, Ashby, Bibik-3, Blaske, Boey-3, Bowe-22, Brown-22, Bush, Chambers, H. Coin, G. Coin, DeDoncker-2, Dickson, Dobesh, Dud -2, Edward -22, Falk, Felsing, Frank -2, Gallagher Sr.-2, Gallagher Jr., Gudgel, Harrison, Hartsock-4, Hassel, Heninger-2, Hintermeister-2, Hill, Hipple, James, Kappeler-3, Kennedy-15, Lane, Lizak-2, McWilliams-12, Mitvalsky-2, Murphy-22, Nanda, Nelson-8, Rabine-2, Ricketts-McCool, Scranton, Sherrick-2, Stopulos,

Volbrecht-15, Werner-2, Windmiller-6, Worley-9

Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club
Monday, noon: Moline – Christ the King Catholic Church
Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Arbor Village Club House, Moline
Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapid City
Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center
Wednesday, noon: **Bettendorf** – Fortune Garden Restaurant
Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi's Restaurant, Davenport
Thursday, 7 a.m.: Iowa Quad Cities – The Lodge, Bettendorf
Thursday, noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church
Thursday, noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club
Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260. All ideas for future programs are most gratefully accepted.

June 12: Maureen "Mo" Hart, executive director of Project NOW community action agency, Rock Island

June 19: Brian Schmidt, Bettendorf public works director

July 3: David Woods, Scott County Veterans Affairs: Honor Flight and Bettendorf Veterans Memorial updates

Pending: appearances by Iowa Secretary of State Matt Schultz and State Auditor Mary Mosiman

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